Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, 29, 33, 37, and 50. Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i-ii).

Please cancel Claims 10 and 14-28 without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

- 1. (Thrice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding an E. cloacae polypeptide wherein the nucleic acid comprises SEQ ID NO: 1394.
- 5. (Thrice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding an E. cloacae polypeptide or a fragment thereof, wherein the nucleic acid comprises at least 25 sequential bases of SEQ ID NO: 1394.
- 9. (Thrice Amended) A probe comprising a nucleotide sequence including at least 25 sequential nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1394.
- 29. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide which comprises SEQ ID NO: 7056.
- 33. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid which encodes a polypeptide of E. *cloacae* consisting of a range of residues which is 3 222, 6-222, or 13 222 of SEQ ID NO: 7056.
- 37. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide which comprises at least 90% sequence identity with SEQ ID NO: 7056.
- 50. (Amended) A probe comprising a nucleotide sequence including at least 30 sequential nucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1394.